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## PATENT APPLICATION

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 31, 2003, Applicants are submitting the following Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement. Applicants believe the currently amended Claims are in accordance with the Revised Amendment Practice that took effect July 30, 2003.

In response to the Office Action, dated June 30, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I in this application, with traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the invention of Groups II-VI. Hence, Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the invention of the nonelected groups. No fees are believe to be due with this response. In the event any fees are due, please debit Deposit Account 081930.

Prior to the Examiner's review of the Claims of the above-referenced Application, please enter the following amendments.

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